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**USE OF MUNICIPAL HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX REVENUE IN  
CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES**

**CHAPTER 663**

H.B. No. 3595

**AN ACT**

**relating to the use of municipal hotel occupancy tax revenue in certain municipalities.**

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 351.101, Tax Code, is amended by adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

*(h) In addition to the uses authorized by Subsection (a), a municipality described by Subsection (a)(7)(B)(viii), as added by Chapter 546 (S.B. 585), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, may use revenue derived from the tax authorized by this chapter to promote tourism and the convention and hotel industry by constructing, maintaining, or expanding a sporting-related facility owned by the municipality if:*

*(1) the majority of the events at the facility involve participants staying at hotels in the municipality; and*

*(2) for a fiscal year, the municipality does not reduce the amount of that revenue that it uses for a purpose described by Subsection (a)(3) to an amount that is less than the lesser of:*

*(A) the amount of that revenue used by the municipality for that purpose during the municipality's 2015 fiscal year; or*

*(B) the total amount of that revenue received in the fiscal year.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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**PROHIBITING CAMPING AND BUILDING FIRES IN CERTAIN  
AREAS; CREATING A CRIMINAL OFFENSE**

**CHAPTER 664**

H.B. No. 3618

**AN ACT**

**relating to prohibiting camping and building fires in certain areas; creating a criminal offense.**